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The reply filed on 5/23/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): With respect to election of species applicants at page 4 elect with traverse the species" alkyl acrylate + styrene + (meth) acrylic acid (e.g., the polymer of Example 1).

Example 1 is drawn to:

**Example 1: Bulk synthesis of gradient copolymer**

- MONAMS: 3.0 g
- SG1: 0.18 g
- Ethyl acrylate: 480 g      (i.e. 80% by weight, relative to the total weight of monomers)
- Styrene: 60 g                (i.e. 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of monomers)
- Methacrylic acid: 60 g      (i.e. 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of monomers)

Example 2 is drawn to acrylate (or mixture) + styrene + (meth) acrylic acid. Examiner is not clear with respect to election of species. If it is alkyl acrylate + styrene + (meth) acrylic acid, then the species is example 2. If it is example2, alkyl acrylate does not define the specific acrylate. In response to this communication, applicants are requested to elect the species belonging to film forming gradient copolymer. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

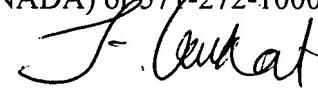
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTHSNA A. VENKAT Ph. D whose telephone number is

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571-272-0607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30-7:30:1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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